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1. Rosendo Arguello, Jr., was in Acapulco, Mexico during the second and third weeks of December 1949, trying to buy arms for the Nicaraguan revolutionaries. 25X1X [redacted], an amount of arms, which was discovered in Mexico in November 1949, was meant for Arguello, the intention of the revolutionaries being to transport these arms south by fishing boats. An American who is reported to be the owner of a fishing boat named KING SALMON, and an intimate friend of Jose Figueres and Arguello, allegedly delivered from fifteen hundred to two thousand dollars to Arguello about 7 December 1949, to be used for the purchase of arms. According to the same source, Figueres has guaranteed bank loans to the unnamed American in amounts as high as ninety thousand colones.

2. [redacted] that any serious revolutionary move against Nicaragua was imminent, and added that the influence of Arguello was negligible. Furthermore, although Figueres still retains much of his personal popularity, source believes his chances of leading a successful revolt against either Otilio Ulate of Costa Rica or Anastasio Somoza of Nicaragua are becoming dimmer, and that the influence of Figueres is steadily declining.

3. Relations between the Nicaraguan and Costa Rican border troops are reported to have improved since Otilio Ulate became president, and soldiers of both countries cross and recross the border on friendly terms. The Commander of the Costa Rican garrison at La Cruz, Guanacaste, informed source that everything was quiet in that area, and that his orders were to permit no concentration of potential invaders of Nicaragua in the border region.

4. [redacted] two supporters of former Junta President Jose Figueres, Frank Marshall, former Chief of Staff for Figueres, and a Max Cortes, recently tried to sell some arms, chiefly machine guns, to the Ulate government for sixty thousand colones. Ulate allegedly refused to consider this amount, but he did offer fifteen thousand colones. These arms are hidden, according to source, and represent only a portion of the total controlled by supporters of Figueres.

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